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APPLICANT : Carlson

INVENTION : Front Suspension Tuning Apparatus  
for Vehicle with Struts

SERIAL NUMBER : 10/816,654

GROUP ART UNIT : 3654

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8(a)

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.102(d)

Sir:

This Petition is filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.102(d), to request that application S.N. 10/816,654, related to automotive technology, filed by Dan Carlson, assigned to Steeda Autosports, Inc. a small entity, and entitled "Front Suspension Tuning Apparatus for Vehicle with Struts" be granted "special" status.

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Inventor: Dan Carlson  
Assignee: Steeda Autosports

Assignee herein states that assignee is a small entity, such status being established for S.N. 10/816,654 by submission of the filing fee for a small entity on 4/2/04.

Assignee further states that the subject matter of the application is a major asset of the small entity.

The application deals with suspension technology for high performance automobiles. More particularly, the invention relates to a device for quickly and easily adjusting the caster and camber of a vehicle front suspension across a broader than normal range to tune the vehicle's suspension for racing and/or high performance street applications. Marketing of the technology via internet, catalog, product distributors, and trade show began on or about November of 2003. Since November of 2003, the automotive technology has been sold in interstate commerce and has enjoyed substantial commercial success.

Upon information and belief, U.P.R. Products, a corporation of Florida, residing at 750 South Eastcoast Street, Lake Worth, FL. 33460, has commissioned the manufacture of substantially

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identical automotive technology. In addition U.P.R. Products has established a series of interactive Web sites designed to promote, sell, and offer to sell the substantially identical products in interstate commerce. U.P.R. Products has a past history of copying assignee's products and Patented technology for sale in interstate commerce. Assignee has, in the past, initiated at least one lawsuit against U.P.R. Products to prevent the unauthorized manufacture and sale of copied products.

A rigid comparison of the device currently being offered for sale by U.P.R. has been made, and in my opinion some of the claims are unquestionably infringed.

A thorough search of the prior art was commissioned prior to filing the 10/816,654 application.

A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the current application is included.

Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that this petition for "special" status be granted.

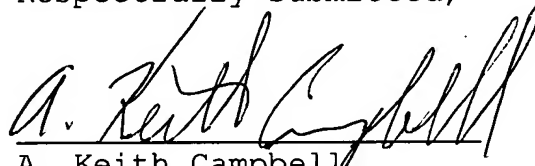
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On information and belief, this Petition is submitted prior to mailing of an action on the merits.

The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code(12/1/04).

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with the filing of this documentation to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 13-0439.

Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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